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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/029,149	Applicant(s) KOCH ET AL.	
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Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☒ Yes e) ☐ No.
If Yes, brief description: Proposed Amendment (see attached).

Claim(s) discussed: N/A.

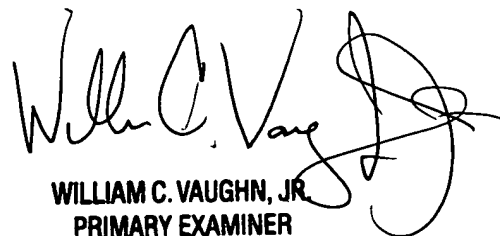
Identification of prior art discussed: Achacoso et al. (US 6,161,149).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.


Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Keys discussed a proposed Amendment to capture the essence of the invention to separate it from the prior art and ordinary email systems. Mr. Keys was willing to emphasize how the invention looked up email addresses and matched them with a bulletin board address in a domain in order for message reception at a bulletin board. Mr. Keys also clarified how the invention automatically and concurrently displayed messages in a bulletin board.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Withers & Keys, LLC****Fax No. 678-565-4749****Date: April 19, 2005****2 pages including cover****Application No.: 10/029,149****Message Text:****Examiner Chea,**

As discussed on the phone, I am providing an agenda for our teleconference/interview scheduled for today.

Agenda:

Discuss the proposed amendment to claim 1 in relation to the cited art:

1. An electronic messaging bulletin board display system comprising:
an application server configured to update a bulletin board display graphical user interface of a client computer by receive and process receiving and processing [a] remote message manipulation instructions from a remote users, said instructions comprising a sender address, a recipient address and a content;
wherein said application server looks up at least one of the sender address or the recipient address of each message in a customer database to find an address of a client gateway associated with the sender or recipient address where the client computer resides behind the client gateway, and wherein said application server updates [a] the bulletin board display graphical user interface of the client computer system on a communications center according to the sender address, the recipient address and the content by generating messages based on the remote message manipulation instructions and sending [[a]] the messages to [[a]] the client gateway in communication with said communications center such that the client computer automatically and concurrently displays a plurality of the generated messages in the bulletin board display graphical user interface.

Discuss that this claim is directed to a bulletin board system whereby an application server receives instructions for bulletin board messages and the messages are generated by the server and sent to an address of a client gateway corresponding to an address of a recipient. The bulletin board messages are automatically and concurrently displayed (i.e., a bulletin board, not simply an inbox showing message headers for one recipient) at a client computer bulletin board graphical user interface.

The cited art appears to show a collaborative system at a central agent or server, but where the server sends individual notice to users of the collaborative system to make them aware of any message posted on the bulletin board that is directed to them. The user must then access the collaborative system of the central agent or server. Thus, the client computers are not receiving bulletin board messages and automatically and concurrently displaying the bulletin board messages within a bulletin board graphical user interface but are instead receiving notices and allowing the user to access the central agent to view pertinent messages of the collaborative system.

Thanks,
Jeramie Keys, 42,724